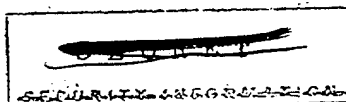


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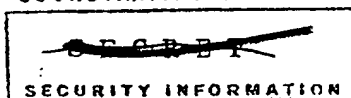
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1. IN MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY SEC/STATE MADE STRONG STATEMENT ON GUAT SITUATION WHICH CONTAINED FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS: GREAT MAJORITY PEOPLE GUAT WANT CLEAN OUT COMMUNISTS BUT ARE FACING INTENSE COMMUNIST TERRORISM. COMMENTED ON REPORTS THAT ARMY OFFICERS HAVE PRESENTED ULTIMATUM TO ARBENZ BUT WITHOUT IDENTIFYING OR PINPOINTING ANY SOURCES. REFERRED TO "BEHEADING" STATEMENT. DID NOT CONFIRM BUT WOULD NOT DENY REPORTS THAT US IS PREPARED ASK FOR FOMMINS' CONFERENCE.

2. AS FURTHER AND VERY EFFECTIVE REINFORCEMENT OF GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REF, STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IF POSSIBLE ATTENTION BE SPECIFICALLY INVITED SEC'S STATEMENT AND PARTICULARLY LINE TO EFFECT GREAT MAJORITY OF PEOPLE DETERMINED GET RID OF COMMUNISTS AND CLEAN OWN HOUSE. OUR POINT IS THAT THE TIMING AND COINCIDENCE OF SEC'S STATEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE MOST CONVINCING VALIDATION TO STATEMENTS MADE TO PURSUANT TO REF.

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